

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is a continuation of application no. 09/436,296, filed November 8, 1999, now Patent No. 6,249,760, which is a continuation of application serial no. 08/932,078, filed September 17, 1997, now Patent No. 6,012,027, which is a continuation in part of the ~~patent application having Ser. No. application serial no. 08/863,462, filed May 27, 1997, now~~ Patent No. 6,847,717.